

No sign shall be nailed, stapled, or glued to utility poles, controller cabinets, or other public structures:

**\$50 FINE FOR EACH SIGN.**



To report illegal signs, call the Mayor's Citizen Service Center at **901.576.6500**



## SIGN ORDINANCE INFORMATION

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DUE TO THE PROBLEM of a proliferation of sign pollution in the Memphis community, the City Code of Ordinance, Chapter 20, Article I, Section 20–26, City of Memphis, was amended in 2003 and states the following:

### ILLEGAL SIGNS

(City Code of Ordinances 4999, Chapter 20, Article I, Section 20–26)

No person shall post, stick, stamp, paint or otherwise fix, or cause the same to be done by any

person, any notice, placard, bill, card, poster, advertisement or other paper or devise calculated to attract the attention of the public, to or upon any public property, including but not limited to any street, sidewalk, crosswalk, curb, or any other portion or part of any public way or public place or building, or any telephone pole, light standard, stop sign, railway structure, tree, bush,

or shrub, or upon any railings, gates, or other parts of any public bridge, viaduct, subway or overpass, or upon any other public property, right-of-way or easement granted to the city.

The person or entity whose name or telephone number appears on sign is in violation of this ordinance and shall be deemed to be the responsible party and will be

fined \$50 for each separate violation. In addition, the city shall be entitled to recover a penalty of up to \$200 for costs incurred in locating, removing and disposing of such material. (Section 20–26(d).)



**NO SIGN SHALL BE DISPLAYED ON ANY CITY RIGHT-OF-WAY,** which includes grass strips next to curbs, medians, and interstate exit/entrance ramps.



### EXAMPLES OF PROPER SIGN LOCATIONS



Signs are permitted only on private property with the consent of the owner.

